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and

a clutch housing;
a clutch disc;
said single clutch disc being configured to be mounted on a transmission input shaft having a longitudinal axis;
said single clutch disc being configured to be axially movable along the longitudinal axis of a transmission input shaft;
a pressure plate;
at least one friction lining mounted on said clutch disc;
said at least one friction lining being configured to be disposed between said pressure plate and a flywheel;
said pressure plate being configured and disposed to engage and disengage said clutch disc with a flywheel;
said pressure plate being configured and disposed to be axially movable along the longitudinal axis of a transmission input shaft;
a membrane spring;
said membrane spring being disposed between said clutch housing and said pressure plate;
said membrane spring being configured and disposed to bias said pressure plate;
said pressure plate comprising a first portion and a second portion;
said first portion of said pressure plate being disposed to contact said clutch disc;
said second portion of said pressure plate being disposed away from said clutch disc;
a thermal insulating member being configured to minimize heat conduction from said pressure plate to said membrane spring;